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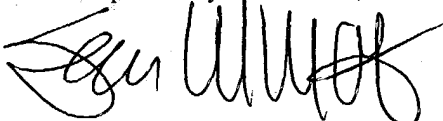
Under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 through §1.99 and pursuant to applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, applicant respectfully brings the following documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449, to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application. Copies of the listed documents are provided herewith for the convenience of the Examiner. In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3), the relevance of these documents is discussed on pages 1-3 of the subject application. Further, English-language Abstracts are attached to of the references.

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It is respectfully requested that the listed references be considered by the Examiner and formally made of record in this application.

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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

	REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	Translation	
							YES	NO
		9-261619	10/03/1997	Japan			ABS	
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		EP 0 991 260 A2	04/05/2000	Europe				

**OTHER DOCUMENTS** *(Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)*


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